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H.B. No. 957

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restricting the sale of state-owned longhorn cattle in Big Bend Ranch State Park.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 22, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subchapter U to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER U. BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK

Sec. 22.271. RESTRICTION ON SELLING LONGHORN CATTLE IN BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK. (a) The department may not reduce the size of a herd of longhorn cattle by selling longhorn cattle owned by the state and located in Big Bend Ranch State Park unless the cattle remain in the park after the sale.

(b) This section does not prohibit:

(1) the sale of longhorn calves and heifers if the number of breeding stock is not reduced; or

(2) the sale of cattle to replace breeding stock as necessary to maintain the size of the herd or to prevent inbreeding.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.